2. Setting up of Weavers' Service Centre

3. Integrated development Package for export of Carpet

4. Integrated development Package for export promotion of handicrafts (other than Carpet)

5. Strengthening of infrastructure support for promotion of Handicraft Sector of J&K (including Carpet)

6. Revival of Kani Shawl.

These components are likely to be completed during 10th Plan.

Performance of Indian players at Olympic Games, 2004

†65. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the Indian players at Olympic Games, 2004 has been dismal in all spheres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering any new project to provide incentives in games and develop sports culture among youths;

(d) if so, the outlines of the said projects; and

(e) whether State Governments are also being issued guidelines in respect of the project and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) During Athens Olympic Games, Indian sportsperson Major R.V.S. Rathore won a silver medal in shooting. This is the first silver medal won by an individual sportsperson since India's independence. Over the years, the performance of Indian sportspersons in Olympics has been improving. In 1996 and 2000 India won only a bronze medal. No medal could be won in 1984 and 1988 Olympics. Moreover, during the Athens Olympic Games, 2004 in the disciplines of Archery, Shooting and Weightlifting Indian sportspersons were very close to medals and in the disciplines of Athletics they created new national records.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) to (e) With a view to popularize sports culture among student youth, it has now been decided to organize competitions for Sports and Games in schools from District to National level on a regular basis. These competitions shall be coordinated in various States by Sports Authority of India. The guidelines have already been issued in this respect to the State Governments.

New Sports Policy

66. PROF. M./M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized to formulate a new Sports Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy; and

(c) by when the above policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. At present, the National Sports Policy 2001 is under implementation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial assistance to T.N. for sports Infrastructure

67. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal seeking financial assistance for sports infrastructure from Tamil Nadu Government;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of amount allocated for creation and development of sports infrastructure in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The status of the proposals received during the last 3 years (2001-02 to 2003-2004) from the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Schemes of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" and "Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces" have been indicated in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) State-wise funds are not allocated under the Schemes for sports infrastructure. Admissible Central assistance is provided depending upon the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government/UTs etc.